

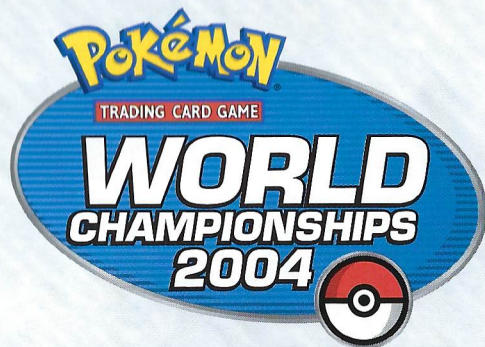
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TRADING CARD GAME

**WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2004**



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COMPETITION LIKE THIS CAN'T BE BEAT!

They came from across the globe, with a love of Pokémon®, a passion for competition and, of course, amazing decks.

More than 300 elite players representing twenty-five countries arrived at Walt Disney World in sunny Florida with one lofty goal in mind: taking home a 2004 Pokémon TCG World Championships title and a special Trainer Prize Card for a Top 3 finish! In addition, thousands of dollars in scholarships and other awesome prizes were also up for grabs.

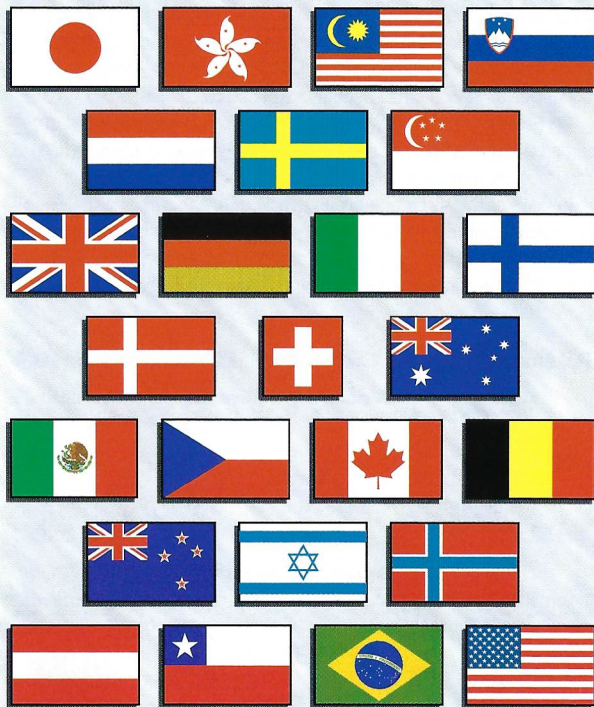
Age proved to be no barrier for competing, with young players like six-year-olds Mitchell Lindsay and Peter Fouchet battling just as fiercely as 2002 Champion Mindy Lambke's dad, Jim.

Age did, however, divide players into one of three groups. Perhaps the most spirited match at Worlds occurred in the 15-and-over group, where Tsuguyoshi Yamato of Japan nearly jumped out of his skin after defeating American Chris Fulop in the final match.

Other winners included Hayato Sato (Japan), who bested Reed Weichler (United States) in the 10-and-under group, and Takuya Yoneda, who completed an unprecedented Japanese sweep of the World Championships by edging out American Kevin Nguyen in the 11-14 age group.

The 2004 Pokémon TCG World Championships proved to be a world-class event, filled with plenty of suspense, surprises, and enough memories to last at least until next year's competition. See you in August 2005!

COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING:



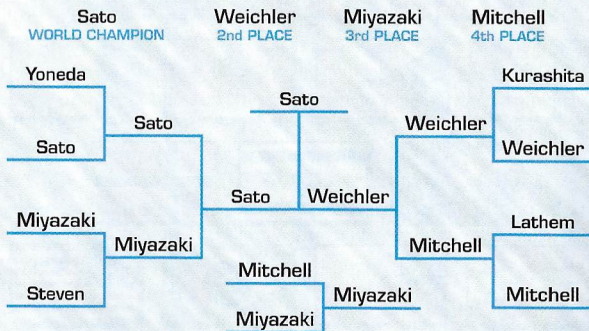
THE FINAL PATH TO GREATNESS!

It was a long, challenging road to the 2004 Pokémon TCG World Championships for the select few players who qualified. Of the more than 300 who earned the privilege to compete at the game's highest level, only a small handful advanced to the Finals.

On Sunday, August 22, the top 16 Trainers in each age group battled through single-elimination rounds until one great player emerged victorious. Here you can follow the exciting results of the Finals!

In each of the three age-group brackets are two sets of pairings (four players on the far left and far right) that led to the climactic Championship match (in the middle of each bracket). Below each bracket is the runner-up pairing for the third-place trophy.

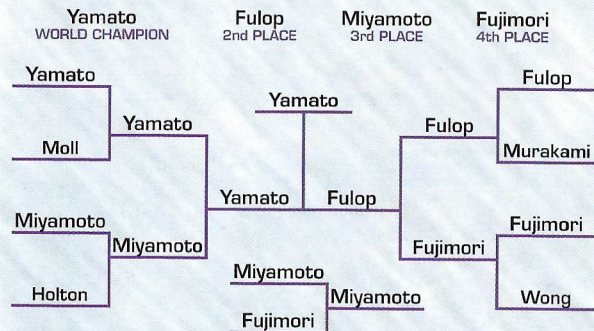
Pokémon TCG World Championships Finals Bracket (10-)



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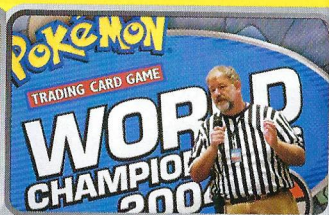


Pokémon TCG World Championships Finals Bracket (15+)

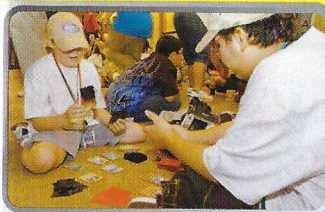




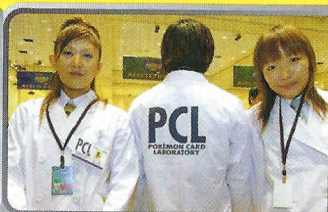
The staff refreshes its Poké Powers!



Explaining the rules of the tournament



Games, games, everywhere



Official judges from Japan!



Great Trainers start young, as the Pokémon TCG World Championships proved



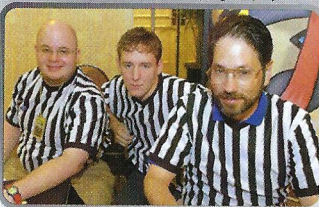
The Championships gave players from all over the world a chance to meet



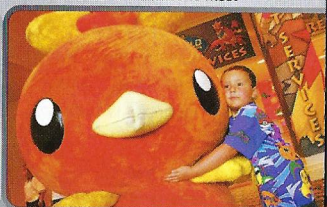
Prepared for success



The kick-off party in full swing!



Judging the judges



Torchic love

Hayato Sato World Champion (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old

Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Favorite card
is Underground Expedition



For this Pokémon TCG World Champion, it's clear that practice makes perfect. "I practiced hard every day," admitted the #1 Trainer in the 10-and-under group. Even while relaxing at home in front of the TV, Hayato kept sharp by playing the game with his brother. His dedication paid off big-time at Worlds where, he said, "All the players were very tough." As tough as Hayato's rivals were, none could thwart his winning strategy: "Attack while my opponent is playing Basic Pokémon."

Deck List

2	Team Magma's Baitoy	MA 61
3	Team Magma's Claydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
2	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
3	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
2	Copycat	EX 138
2	Desert Ruins	HL 88
1	Maxie	MA 73
2	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Switch	RS 92
2	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
2	Team Magma Conspirator	MA 82
2	Team Magma Schemer	MA 70
2	TV Reporter	DR 88
4	Underground Expedition	SK 140
1	Warp Point	MA 85
6	Fighting Energy	RS 105
2	Psychic Energy	RS 107
3	Darkness Energy	AQ 142
4	Magma Energy	MA 87
2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

Reed Weichler Second Place (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old

Country: United States



Deck: Swampert/Magneton

Interesting Fact: Has played
for five years, since a friend
introduced him to the
Pokémon cartoon



Talent seems to run in Reed's family... backward! After already earning an invite to the premier event for the Pokémon TCG, Reed's dad joined him in the World Championships by qualifying in the last chance "grinder." It was the younger Weichler who advanced the furthest, going all the way to the Championship match! Getting there was a challenge. "It seemed impossible to go very far," Reed began to believe. Not one to give up, he said he "was surprised and excited to be in the Finals."

Deck List

2	Dunsparce	SS 60
2	Magnemite	DR 63
2	Magneton	DR 17
4	Mudkip	RS 59
3	Marstomp	RS 40
3	Swampert	RS 13
1	Suicune ex	MA 94
2	Swampert ex	MA 95
2	Skitty	RS 44
2	Delcatty	RS 5
1	Wobbuffet	SS 26
1	Ancient Technical Machine (Rock)	HL 85
2	Copycat	EX 138
3	Oracle	SK 138
1	Pokémon Fan Club	AQ 130
1	Potion	RS 91
2	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
1	Professor Oak's Research	EX 149
2	Rare Candy	SS 88
2	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
2	Underground Expedition	SK 140
1	Wally's Training	SS 89
13	Water Energy	RS 106
4	Multi Energy	SS 93

Akira Miyazaki Third Place (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old

Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Enjoys swimming



For Akira, it didn't take long to notice slight differences between playing in his Japanese homeland and playing in the United States. "I was surprised that overseas we play with dice instead of tossing a coin," he observed. Not that anything could have prevented the talented Trainer from making it to—and winning—the Championship runner-up round. Playing four times a week helped Akira perfect his speedy game style and what he called "playing the probabilities."

Deck List:

2	Team Magma's Baitoy	MA 60
2	Team Magma's Claydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
1	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
2	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
1	Bill's Maintenance	EX 137
2	Copycat	EX 138
2	Desert Ruins	HL 88
2	Maxie	MA 73
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Pokémon Reversal	EX 146
2	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Switch	RS 92
2	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
2	Team Magma Conspiretor	MA 82
1	Team Magma Schemer	MA 70
3	TV Reporter	DR 88
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
1	Warp Point	MA 85
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2	Psychic Energy	RS 107
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4	Magma Energy	MA 87
1	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

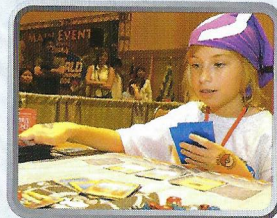
Taylor Mitchell Fourth Place (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old

Country: United States

Deck: Swampert

Interesting Fact: Undefeated at Memphis Gym Challenge



An avid Pokémon fan, Taylor grew up watching the cartoon and playing the video game. After learning to play the trading card game only five years ago, she quickly reached the highest level. At Worlds, it was time to elevate her game even more. "This was the toughest tournament I've ever been in," Taylor said, adding, "Every match was very competitive." But with her favorite card, Swampert ex, in her deck, she was able to "set up fast... and start pounding" to a fourth-place finish.

Deck List:

4	Dunsperce	SS 60
4	Mudkip	RS 59
3	Marshomp	RS 40
2	Swampert	RS 13
3	Swampert ex	MA 95
1	Copycat	EX 138
4	Fast Ball	SK 124
1	Fisherman	SK 125
2	Island Cave	HL 89
2	Master Ball	EX 143
4	Oracle	SK 138
2	Professor Oak's Research	EX 149
4	Rare Candy	SS 88
4	Steven's Advice	HL 92
3	TV Reporter	DR 88
1	Warp Point	MA 85
16	Water Energy	RS 106



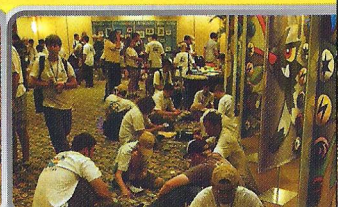
It's almost time to battle!



The crowds watch a champion in action



2002 World Champion Mindy Lambkee



Pokémon players were everywhere!



The real challenge of the Championships: following your match results!



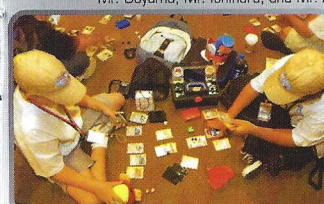
Mr. Ooyama, Mr. Ishihara, and Mr. Akabane, creators of the Pokémon TCG



Congratulating good sportsmanship



Catching up on the Pokémon cartoon



Down—on the floor—but not out!



Pokémon creator and artist Mr. Sugimori

Takuya Yoneda World Champion (11-14)

Age: 13 years old

Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Favorite
Pokémon is Vileplume



Deck List:

2	Team Magma's Baitcy	MA 60
2	Team Magma's Claydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
1	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
2	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
2	Copycat	EX 138
2	Desert Ruins	HL 88
2	Maxie	MA 73
2	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Strength Charm	MA 74
3	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
3	Team Magma Conspirator	MA 82
2	TV Reporter	DR 88
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
3	Warp Point	MA 85
7	Fighting Energy	RS 105
1	Psychic Energy	RS 107
4	Darkness Energy	RS 93
4	Magma Energy	MA 87
2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

Takuya's strategy for competing against the world's best is so simple, it's brilliant. "I try not to make mistakes," said the newly crowned World Champion in the 11-14 age group. For a competitor who started playing because "it seemed interesting," Takuya has certainly drawn considerable interest in himself. Already named the Japanese National Champion, he overcame nervousness and actually enjoyed the "atmosphere and tension of competition" at Worlds.

Kevin Nguyen Second Place (11-14)

Age: 14 years old

Country: United States

Deck: Gardevoir/Magneon

Interesting Fact: Liked
competing at Worlds
because he "got to go to
Disney World at the
same time"



Deck List:

4	Dunsparce	SS 60
2	Magneon	DR 62
2	Magneon	DR 17
4	Ralts	SS 74
3	Kirlia	RS 34
2	Gardevoir	RS 7
2	Gardevoir ex	SS 96
2	Skitty	SS 79
2	Delcatty	RS 5
1	Ancient Tomb	HL 87
2	Desert Shaman	SK 123
1	Magnetic Storm	HL 91
4	Oracle	SK 138
3	Pokémon Reversal	RS 87
3	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
2	Rare Candy	SS 88
1	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
1	Town Volunteers	AQ 136
1	Warp Point	MA 85
1	Weakness Guard	AQ 141
2	Lightning Energy	RS 109
10	Psychic Energy	RS 107
4	Boost Energy	AQ 145

Even after arriving at the Pokémon TCG World Championships, Kevin was still deciding which cards would make it into his tournament deck... with a little help from his friends. "They helped toughen up my deck," Kevin said thankfully. Those friends have been with him from the beginning, since they were all introduced to the game five years ago. Of course, others earned his gratitude as well: "Blaziken, who won me the trip to Worlds, and Gardevoir, for getting me to second place!"

Takayuki Nishide

Third Place (11-14)

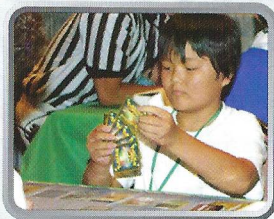
Age: 12 years old

Country: Japan



Deck: Gardevoir/Gorebyss/
Bellossom

Interesting Fact: Plays three
times a week



Deck List:

4	Clamperl	HL 58
4	Gorebyss	HL 18
4	Dunsparce	SS 60
1	Oddish	HL 68
1	Bellossom	HL 16
1	Ralts	RS 68
2	Ralts	RS 66
1	Kirlia	RS 34
2	Gardevoir	RS 7
1	Gardevoir ex	SS 96
1	Ancient Technical Machine (Rock)	HL 85
2	Bill's Maintenance	EX 137
3	Copycat	EX 138
3	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
4	Rare Candy	SS 88
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
2	Warp Point	MA 85
8	Psychic Energy	RS 107
2	Boost Energy	AQ 145
4	Double Rainbow Energy	MA 88
4	Multi Energy	SS 93

If you really want to know how hard it is to get to Worlds, just ask Takayuki Nishide. "It was as tough as climbing Mount Everest," proclaimed the third-place finisher. Takayuki wisely noted that even a language barrier could not keep players from having fun. "We could play without being able to verbally communicate." It was also a great learning experience because "there were so many kinds of decks." As it turned out, few of those decks could top his incredible combos.

Sebastian Crema

Fourth Place (11-14)

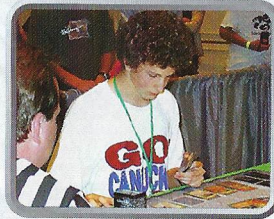
Age: 14 years old

Country: Canada



Deck: Blaziken/Rayquaza

Interesting Fact: Received his
invite through the strength of
his play through ratings and
rankings



Deck List:

4	Dunsparce	SS 60
2	Rayquaza ex	DR 97
2	Skitty	SS 79
2	Delcatty	RS 5
4	Torchic	RS 74
3	Combusken	RS 28
3	Blaziken	RS 3
2	Blaziken ex	MA 89
1	Ancient Technical Machine (Rock)	HL 85
1	Ancient Tomb	HL 87
2	Copycat	EX 138
1	High Pressure System	DR 85
4	Oracle	SK 138
1	Pokémon Nurse	EX 145
1	Professor Oak's Research	EX 149
3	Rare Candy	SS 88
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Switch	RS 92
1	Town Volunteers	AQ 136
1	TV Reporter	DR 88
1	Warp Point	EX 152
11	Fire Energy	RS 108
2	Lightning Energy	RS 109
3	Multi Energy	SS 93

Winning seems to come easily for some players. Take Sebastian, for example. "I only play when there are big events," exclaimed this year's fourth-place finisher in the 11-14 age group. None come bigger than Worlds, during which Sebastian says he "reached major highs and lows." A player since third grade, he relies on his keen power of observation to win games: "I look carefully at what my opponent does." When he's not playing Pokémon, Sebastian likes to play soccer, basketball, and video games.



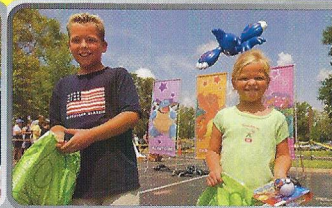
Venusaur makes a special appearance



Pokémon Rocks packs 'em in!



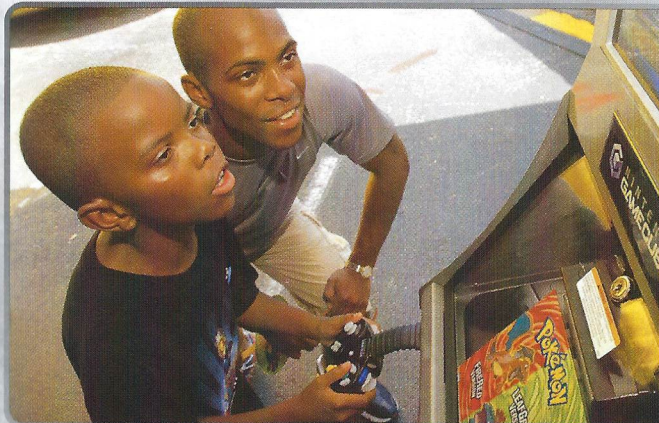
The Pokémon Misting Tent



Fans take in the fun in the Florida sun



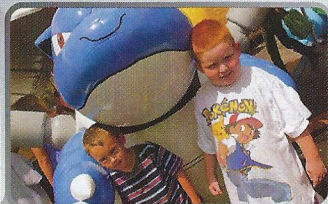
Contests, prizes, and surprises were all part of the big event!



Players get a chance to try out FireRed and LeafGreen at Pokémon Rocks



What's yellow and goes 80 miles an hour?



Blastoise was happy to pose for photos



The best way to find the fun: just ask!



The entire Pikachu family made it!

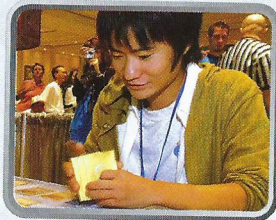
Tsuguyoshi Yamato World Champion (15+)

Age: 19 years old

Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Enjoys karaoke and running



The crowds loved him; his opponents feared him. Few players were as animated as Tsuguyoshi, who believes "fast movement of the deck is very important." That intensity carried him into the Championship match, where he earned the title of #1 Trainer. Despite his stellar achievement, Tsuguyoshi showed great admiration for the level of play of his rivals. He said, "It was hard since all were strong players, but everyone was great." On this day, however, none was as great as he was.

Deck List:

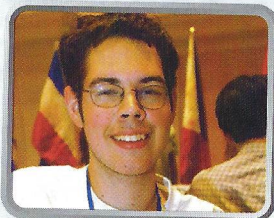
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2	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
2	Copycat	EX 138
3	Desert Ruins	HL 88
2	Maxie	MA 73
2	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Pokémon Reversal	RS 87
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
2	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
4	Team Magma Conspirator	MA 82
3	TV Reporter	DR 88
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
6	Fighting Energy	RS 105
1	Psychic Energy	RS 107
4	Darkness Energy	RS 93
4	Magma Energy	MA 87
2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

Chris Fulop Second Place (15+)

Age: 18 years old

Country: United States

Deck: Blaziken/Rayquaza/
Bellossom



Interesting Fact: Won a Worlds invite at the East Coast Stadium Challenge

No one ever said competing at Worlds was easy. According to Chris, "One of my best experiences was finally getting some sleep after a long day of gaming on the first day of the tournament." Between the shut-eye and his talent for second-guessing his opponents, Chris excelled the final day of the tournament, making it to the Championship match. He is happy to win a scholarship, and will always remember "fans cheering me on and chanting my name."

Deck List:

4	Dunsparce	SS 60
1	Oddish	HL 68
1	Bellossom	HL 16
1	Rayquaza ex	DR 97
2	Skitty	RS 44
2	Delcatty	RS 5
1	Team Aqua's Electrike	MA 53
1	Team Aqua's Manectric	MA 4
4	Torchic	RS 74
2	Combusken	RS 28
3	Blaziken	RS 3
2	Blaziken ex	MA 89
4	Copycat	EX 138
1	Friend Ball	SK 126
3	Oracle	SK 138
1	Pokémon Nurse	EX 145
1	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
4	Rare Candy	SS 88
4	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
1	Town Volunteers	AQ 136
10	Fire Energy	RS 108
2	Lightning Energy	RS 109
3	Multi Energy	SS 93
1	Warp Energy	AQ 147

Go Miyamoto Third Place (15+)

Age: 15 years old

Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Baseball fan



Now an everyday player, Go first became interested in the Pokémon TCG after seeing an ad in a comic book. Filled with a desire to win, Go's game got better and better through a series of competitive Japanese events. "It got tougher with each tournament leading up to Worlds," Go pointed out. Those experiences paid off, as he took third place in the World Championships. Among his fond memories of Worlds was the chance to interact with foreign players.

Deck List

2	Team Magma's Baltoz	MA 60
3	Team Magma's Claydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
2	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
2	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
2	Copycat	EX 138
3	Desert Ruins	HL 88
2	Maxie	MA 73
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1	Pokémon Reversal	EX 146
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1	Strength Charm	MA 74
2	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
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1	Team Magma Schemer	MA 70
4	TV Reporter	DR 88
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4	Magma Energy	MA 87
2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

AN EVENT FOR THE AGES (AND ALL AGES!)

The 2004 Pokémon TCG World Championships started off with a bang, and it never let up!

The initial bangs were supplied by a raucous Latin band that welcomed top players at the tropical-themed reception dinner—and got the entire joint jumpin'! Then the players themselves provided even more bang the next few days as competition heated up.

Between the Reception and the Finals, there were plenty more fun activities to keep players, family, friends, and fans entertained... and busy! Pokémon Rocks really *did* rock, with carnival games, stage shows, prize giveaways, appearances by Pikachu and other Pokémon favorites, and even a Pokémon Water-Type Misting Tent where the crowd could beat the heat!

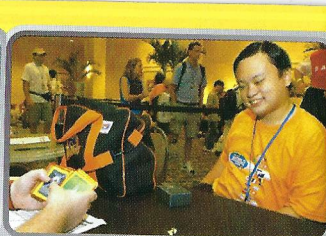
Around 300 players turned out for a sneak peek at the next big thing in the Pokémon Trading Card Game. The EX FireRed & LeafGreen Prerelease Tournament was a great way for participants to take away some cool prizes and get an early look at new cards like Charizard ex, Venusaur ex, and Blastoise ex!

Pokémon League was in full swing, offering beginners and players at all levels a casual alternative to the intensity of the World Championships matches. As always, there were lots of prizes involved and plenty of happy faces!

If the success of this incredible show is any indication, the Pokémon TCG World Championships 2005 is an event not to be missed! We hope to see you there!



The World Championships trophies



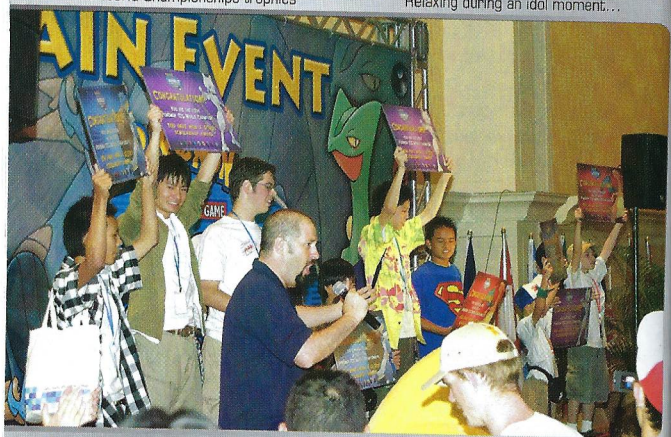
Relaxing during an idol moment...



A smile is worth 1000 HP



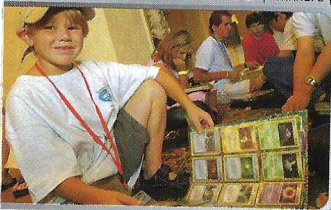
Poké-practice makes Poké-perfect



The scholarship winners proudly display their awards



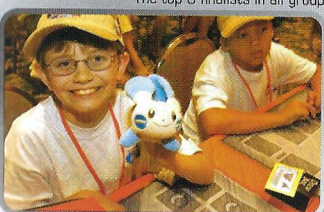
The top 3 finalists in all groups gather to share the spotlight



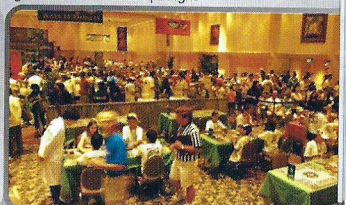
Gotta catch 'em all!



Some matches are fast and furious



Every player needs a lucky mascot



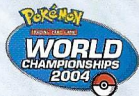
The 2004 Pokémon TCG Worlds!

THE 2005 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE ONLY AN INVITATION AWAY!

Getting to Worlds can be a challenge for any Pokémon TCG player. Good thing there are still Challenges to choose from that can get you there, both the Gym and Stadium variety! Invitations go to the best players at all of these events, top finishers at each National Championships, winners at the Last Chance Qualifiers, and others still to come! For more information, visit the website at www.op.pokemon-tcg.com

Take a look at all the different ways you can earn a spot to compete with the elite in 2005:

Top 4 2004 World Championships finishers



Challenge Series Qualifiers



National Championships



ALL SERIOUSNESS ASIDE...

You don't have to be a World Championships-level player to get into a Pokémon League. Everyone at every level is welcome to join the fun!

Leagues are the perfect place to play your favorite game in a casual atmosphere. Whether you just started playing or you play like an old pro, there are plenty of awesome prizes you can win just for participating!

Some of the great prizes you can only find in a Pokémon League:

- Poké Ball Badges
- Promo Cards
- Pokémon Stickers
- Premier Trainer Stickers



You don't even have to travel halfway around the world to get to a Pokémon League—there's probably one right in your neighborhood. Go to our website to find a location near you and learn more about League!

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Need Help Playing a Game?

For game play help, strategy and tournament information outside of North America and Japan go to:

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